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BOILER TECHNICAL GRAM

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To: Deputy Boiler Inspectors
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From: Office of the Chief Inspector
Regulatory Program Management, Boiler Program

Subject: Tropical Storm Imelda: Boiler Extensions

Texas Governor Greg Abbott has issued a [Proclamation](#) declaring numerous counties in the state of Texas affected by Tropical Storm Imelda as disaster areas. Any boiler in the disaster areas taken offline as a result of Tropical Storm Imelda and its associated flooding will not have its next extension denied strictly on the basis of it not having had continuous water treatment. However, in order for this to apply to the next extension request, the subject boiler must have had continuous water treatment begin again immediately upon the boiler being brought back into service, or by the date the Governor's Proclamation expires, whichever occurs first.

Texas Boiler Law § 755.026, relating to Extensions, allows for the extension of time between internal inspections for certain boilers. Although extensions may be granted for a boiler for up to 60, 84, 120, or 144 months (depending upon the type of boiler), the extension must be renewed annually. One of the requirements for being eligible to renew on or before the anniversary date of the previous extension is found at § 755.026 (b)(1), which requires that "*continuous water treatment* under competent and experienced supervision to control and limit corrosion and deposits has been in effect since" the boiler's last internal inspection. (emphasis added)

Any questions regarding this Technical Gram should be addressed to the Chief Boiler Inspector.

Sincerely,

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